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1. There have been many elections, particularly for municipal officials. In one of the villages, the candidates sat with their backs to the ballot box, and the people filed past them, each one pointing to the back of the man he chose. Apparently, it was a local feeling that it is better not to let the candidate know who blackballed him than to worry about having the rest know for whom the individual voted. In other areas printed ballots were used for the literate, and the bean system for the illiterate. Harbin has a relatively high level of literacy, as the Japanese apparently stressed this.

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2. About 600 merchants and students were arrested on 13 November in Harbin. Four were accused of being Nationalist agents and were shot. Eighty-four were kept in custody, and the remainder were released on bail.

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